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DOYLE ASKS ARMY CORPS TO LOOK AT NEW COUNTY SOLUTION FOR ALGAE AT ONTARIO BEACH

County Executive Jack Doyle has asked the Army Corps of Engineers to explore a possible new solution to the serious algae problem at Monroe County's Ontario Beach Park. The Army Corps is currently studying this issue under the Habitat Restoration Feasibility Study for the Rochester Harbor.

"Monroe County has developed a possible algae solution at the beach and I have written to the Corps of Engineers to review this new approach," said Doyle. "Our Department of Environmental Services has looked at this issue and has come up with a creative proposal that is worth consideration. I have great respect for the experts who work in the Army Corps of Engineers and look forward to their insights into this new, cost-effective solution."

Public use of Ontario Beach has been adversely affected by shoreline algae accumulation due to water current and circulation problems caused by the navigation pier of the Genesee River. The Army Corps and its consultant, URS, have been working diligently and closely with the county towards a technically feasible, cost-effective solution to this recurring problem.

The county's latest suggestion offers a possible pumping alternative that may prove to meet these important criteria (technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness).

The county's proposed solution consists of three high-volume pumps and a simple weir with flow-control openings that would be used to induce surface currents sufficient to draw most of the algae away from the high-use area of the beach. This area is approximately one-third of the entire sand area along the park's shoreline.

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The estimated cost to design and construct the proposed project is approximately \$2 million and Monroe County's Department of Environmental Services would assume operational responsibility for the pumping facility if it proves to be a feasible alternative.

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